



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Poo et al. Examiner: Lankford, L. Blaine

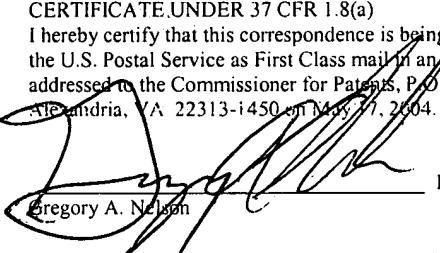
Application No.: 09/994,445 Group: 1651

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ISOLATING CELLS FROM ORGANS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2003. A Petition for Retroactive Extension of Time, along with authorization to charge the required fee in the amount of \$210.00 accompanies this Response.

Amendments to the claims are contained on pages 2-6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments are contained on pages 7-8 of this paper.